

The Raven

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The quarterly magazine for the whole of Rainow



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Your update on Council Activities

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday 20th March at which the Chairman gave an account of Council business over the past twelve months.

The Chairman would like to thank Hilda Gaddum (Ward Councillor) for her continued high level of support to the Parish Council, providing excellent advice and helping make sure things happen! Also thanking Sarah Giller (Parish Clerk) for all her hard work and commitment keeping the Parish Council operating effectively throughout the year and all his fellow Councillors for their hard work, support and advice.

The Chairman's full address can be found on the website www.rainowvillage.co.uk

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 15th May this year for the election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Working Groups and Representatives. Councillors Brett and Taylor were re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

Keep Rainow Tidy – Community Litter Pick

Thank you to everyone who helped with the never-ending task of litter picking on 13th May.



As you can see from the pictures we had a beautiful sunny Sunday morning. The walk took just over two hours and we had 10 large bags of rubbish collected and disposed of. Thank you to all our helpers on behalf of Parish Council.

These included Finlay Buckley, Max Allen, Marcus Gough, Daniel Brown and Rachel Brown representing Cubs and Beavers. The Cubs are working towards their 'Our World Challenge Badge' which gets them to look at community issues and services, and different cultures to their own. This is one of 7 challenge badges they have to attain to achieve their Chief Scouts Silver Award, the highest achievement in Cubs. We wish them well in their endeavours.

Many thanks also to Cheshire East and Ansa for their support and providing the equipment.

We are now being judged for the Best Kept Village Competition so can we please ask that hedges are cut back from the footpath and residents try and keep areas tidy as much as possible. We really appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Parking

The Council would ask that all residents show consideration when parking and ensure that they do not obstruct the footpath or driveways. Please also leave sufficient access for wheelchairs, prams and parents with small children. The Council would also ask residents to be careful of their driving speed on Round Meadow and Millers Meadow. Thank you for your continued help in this matter.

New Notice Board – The Pleasance

Please admire our new notice board when passing the Pleasance. We hope to gradually replace all our older notice boards over the next few years. They should also last a lot longer than the open boards.



Civic Service

The Parish Council invites you to their Civic Service to be held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 30th September with the service commencing at 10.00 am. You are also very welcome to join us afterwards in a procession to the school hall and for light refreshments.

We would also like to recognise the special contributions of a resident to the community at this year's Civic Service. If you have any suggestions please contact the Clerk or one of our Councillors.

Advertisers, request for....

The Raven is a volunteer-run activity supported by the Parish Council. The first few issues were supported by grant funding and subsequently the Raven has been reliant upon advertising revenue. To ensure the continuation of the Raven as a high quality publication the Council are seeking advertisers. If you, or someone you know, are interested in advertising then please contact Cllrs John Cantrell or Carole Harvey for details.

Rural Policing Team – PC Richard Walker

The rural crime team have been busy over the past couple of months dealing with a variety of incidents, ranging from reported poaching offences through to stone thefts, and those obscure offences in between. Of note the main priority for the Rainow area is fly tipping and stone thefts. Those looking from the outside in, do not appreciate the affect that fly tipping has on farmers and residents. Not only is there the inconvenience of paths, roads and gates being blocked, there is also the removal costs. Varying items from asbestos to household waste has been dumped and the contamination of the ground has to be considered. We are working with local councils to tackle this issue and investigations are being conducted at various sites. Please report any fly tipping via the Cheshire East website.

Stone thefts have been reported which includes coping stones through to York stone flags. We have arrested

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an individual, seized the vehicle involved and a found the stolen stone. This was all because residents were vigilant and reported the matter to Police. Once again please report suspicious vehicles in remote locations.

Contact - 101. Follow us on Twitter - @CheshPolRural
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Rainow 2018/19 Precept

Every year the Parish Council gets its funds from Cheshire East Council who, in turn, get their funds from your Council tax and Government grants. This year the precept has been increased slightly and we have asked for £11,000 which reflects the budgeted expenditure for the coming year.

Audit for the year ended 31st March 2018

Every year the Parish Council's records are inspected by an internal auditor, JDH Business Services Ltd, and an external auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP. Any person has the right to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates. These documents are always made available, on reasonable notice, by application. This year this period commenced on 7th June 2018 and will end on 18th July 2018. A copy of the notice for the Exercise of Public Rights will be available on our website www.rainowvillage.co.uk or on notice boards around Rainow.

Below is a statement of the un-audited financial accounts for 1st April 2017 - 31st March 2018. (Please note that these may be subject to change)

	Year Ending March 2017	Year Ending March 2018
1. Balance Brought forward	£10,818	£11,934
2. Annual Precept	£10,000	£11,000
3. Total Other Income	£ 5,518	£ 5,381
4. Staff Costs	£ 3,944	£ 4,113
5. Loan interest/capital repayments	-	-
6. Total Other Payments	£10,459	£8,241
7. Balances carried forward	£ 11,933	£ 15,961
8. Total Cash	£ 11,933	£ 15,961
9. Total Assets	£13,930	£13,930
10. Total Borrowings	-	-

Future Meetings and Dates for your diary

19th June 17th July 18th September
16th October 20th November

Civic Service - 30th September 2018
Tree Lighting and Carol Service - (usually the first Sunday in December)

All Meetings commence at 8.00 pm and are advertised on the notice boards and website.

If you have any issues that need raising then you can either contact the Clerk, any member of the Parish Council or just turn up at one of our meetings.

Editorial Team for this issue:

Jane Brett Bob Langstaff Jim Kennelly
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The lovely sunny weather recently has reminded us all of how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area. The wonderful meadows of wild flowers makes it a pleasure to revisit our favourite walks. The farmers could perhaps have done with some more rain, but hopefully the good weather has helped with a safe and successful lambing time. So, enjoy our great village and countryside!

Jane Brett

Editor

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Rainow NSPCC Scoop Awards

The East Cheshire NSPCC AGM was held on 23rd May 2018. Carolyn Gittins, Treasurer for Rainow Committee, was presented with the Gold Seal. This award is highly prestigious given to volunteers in recognition of combined length and quality of service.

Lynn McCarthy received the Merit certificate on behalf of McCarthy's coaches. This certificate was awarded as a thank you for the support their company have given to the organisation over many years.

The awards were presented to the ladies by Mr James Bailey – Divisional Trustee for the NSPCC.



Rainow NSPCC Cookery Demonstration

Rainow NSPCC recently held a 'Spring into Summer Cookery Demonstration by Ann Brayne' on Thursday evening 17th May 2018 at the Rainow Institute. Rainow NSPCC Committee provided homemade canapes to ignite everyone's taste buds for the tasty dishes to come, complimented by glasses of Prosecco. This was followed by Ann's informative and entertaining presentation of various recipes which included; 'Pea, Coriander & Ginger Soup', 'Chicken with Gruyère, Mushrooms and Bacon', 'Mushroom Risotto', 'Ollie's Chocolate Mouse'. Everyone had the opportunity to taste Ann's delicious food and each received copies of the recipes. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, especially Ann's amusing anecdotes from her years of teaching Domestic Science. Rainow NSPCC would like to thank everyone for attending this event, with your support, £545 was raised for the NSPCC.

Date for your Diary: Rainow NSPCC invite you to a **Salmon & Strawberry Sparkle Lunch**, Wednesday 4th July 2018 at Lower House Farm, Smithy Lane Rainow, SK10 5UP, Tickets £15 (Including Glass of Pimms). For tickets or more information, contact Lulu Holland 572377, Lyn McCarthy 427896, Sue Frith 573802.





Rainow 5 Fell Race

Leading runners at the start of the Rainow 5 Fell Race

This year we had 179 starters at the Rainow 5 Fell Race on a lovely evening (only a slight bit of drizzle – nothing to bother the runners). A fast pack of runners at the front of the race and battle for leaders saw Jake Fearn from Buxton AC 1st back in 33 minutes and 18 seconds. The first lady was Alice Swift from Chorlton Runners in 40 minutes 25 seconds. This year Macclesfield Harriers were victorious winning both the men's and the ladies' team prizes. Of the Rainow local runners taking part the first to cross the line was Philip Thompson (Senior men) in 35th place with a time of 40 minutes and 10 seconds. There was a great post-race atmosphere – with a great supply of cakes from the Rainow Pre-School Parents! Big thanks to all the Macclesfield harriers and other marshals/helpers who helped make this race possible. The race and sale of refreshments raised a total of £982, which has been donated to the following local charities: Rainow Village Institute, Rainow Pre-School and Buxton Mountain Rescue (our local mountain rescue team).



Post race cake sale by Kathy Lewis, Michelle Gideon, Danielle Bushell and Jackie Bell of Rainow Pre-School

School Leaving *Best Wishes*

In the next issue of "The Raven" the editorial team would like to wish all our school leavers, whatever their plans, every success in the future. If you would like your child named please let us have their details including future plans (via theraven@rainow.com) by Wednesday 5th September.

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Out of School by Jonathan Norris, Headteacher

Since my last article, there have been many highlights at school. I have picked out just a few of my favourites.

STEM Week

An annual event at Rainow is our hugely popular STEM week. From Tinkering Tubs and Catapult Competitions, to Animal Handling and Robot Wrangling, the children relished the challenges linked to science, technology, engineering and maths. This year, we welcomed guest teachers from Tytherington High and Siemens and introduced the idea of #STEM selfies to encourage all our parents and the wider community to get involved. It was a brilliant week, filled with a variety of exciting learning opportunities on offer to all of our children.

Year 5/6 Trip to Whitby

In contrast to our tried and tested trip to the Lake District, this year, we introduced a brand new residential experience for our upper juniors: a trip to the coast to visit beautiful Whitby. Determination, resilience and teamwork are some of the key learning values we aim to develop at Rainow, and trips such as these work to develop these traits away from the comfort of home.

During the week, the children were challenged by lots of adventurous activities and explored the surroundings of this interesting and historic seaside town. We were so proud of the children's behaviour, positive attitude and enthusiasm for every new challenge. My personal highlight was watching the children 'just be' as we spent the evenings exploring the beaches and rock pools — not a phone or iPad in sight!

A Royal Wedding Celebration

We could not let this momentous occasion pass by without paying our own fitting Rainow tribute. The children were asked to dress in red, white or blue or to 'sparkle for Markle', and in return, we laid on some lawn games and afternoon tea.



What started out as an idea for a 'small, informal occasion', soon gathered momentum and turned out to be a much bigger and better community event! Our guests all remarked on what a lovely atmosphere the party had, and in particular, the brilliant way our children play and care for each other.

We even managed to raise an impressive £259.15 for Chiva, one of Harry's chosen charities. A special mention to Tesco Macclesfield and to the Co-op on Hurdfield Road for their generous contribution towards refreshments on the day.

Sporting Success

I am thrilled to report that the Rainow Senior Boys' Football Team are champions of their division for the second consecutive season! They romped

home to win their league in impressive fashion, 7 points clear of their closest rivals. That completes the double for the senior team with their cup victory last October. Our younger team were only narrowly pipped to the post, finishing as runners-up in their division by just 2 points — a brilliant result for their first season together.

Our Girls' Team was also victorious, managing to win their cup qualifying round. That means that both of our teams will be competing in their respective finals at the Reliance Cup competition before the summer break. Another fabulous year of sporting success at Rainow.

A look ahead...

The rest of this term will be busy with sports' day, residential trips for our year 2, 3 and 4's, the year 5 and 6 plays and the school barbecue, as well as the final leavers' assembly.

Be sure to follow our Twitter account @Rainowprimary for lots more information about school activities. The Round Up, our fortnightly school newsletter, is also a great way to keep up to date with school goings-on and can be downloaded from our school website or picked up from Rainow Church.





Friends of Rainow School

by Juliet Slater

Since the last edition of The Raven, Friends of Rainow School have been very busy planning the rest of the year's fundraising activities.

We have had **two profitable cake sales**: the first run by the year three parents and the second by the reception class parents. Together they raised nearly **£550!** These events are pure profit as our parents, grandparents and friends make and donate the cakes. The children love the sales!

The fashion event, which was mentioned in the last issue, was an astounding success, raising over **£1,000**. We watched a fabulous fashion show by online shop Style of My Own and models included some brave school mums! Two of our number also waxed brows and painted nails during the evening, and there was a make-up demonstration by Benefit cosmetics. This was a new event and is definitely one we will repeat — so watch this space!

Next on the fundraising calendar was a tried-and-tested event, the **spring walk**. The cold weather kept a few people away but that didn't stop us. We still managed to raise a very pleasing **£370** from ticket sales, raffle tickets, toasted sandwiches, drinks and cakes. There are always cakes. Those who completed the walk seemed to enjoy hunting for all the brightly coloured ducks, which had been hidden along the route. We even had fresh coffee brewed by one of the dads, which warmed people up on their return. The smell of the coffee and cakes attracted a few passers-by in the village, too, which all helped make it a successful event.

Finally, we had another **blockbuster movie night**, this time showing Despicable Me 3. As usual, this proved very popular with the children, who love the opportunity to spend a couple of hours with their friends eating pizza and watching a film. It's also a great break for the parents who get a couple of hours to support the village pub! Plus we raised over **£400** for school funds.

Looking ahead, we are focusing all our efforts now into making our **annual summer BBQ** the biggest and best yet. It will be held on Saturday 14th July and everyone is welcome. There will be a BBQ, games, a bouncy castle, numerous stalls and a bar. A sunny day will top off what has historically been a fantastic event.

As much as we love organising and putting on events, we only do it to raise funds for our school. All the money goes into buying equipment, subsidising trips and upgrading classrooms. For example, recent funds helped buy the leavers' hoodies, which have gone down a storm with our year six pupils, who are sporting them on a daily basis.

We are very lucky at Rainow School to have such generous parents, grandparents and friends. Many thanks go to all those who contribute as part of the FRS team, and those who help out, donate items and attend our events.



Rainow Pre-school

We have had a very busy half term with the children and enjoyed lots of sunshine.

A highlight was our Spring Fair on 21st April. There were lots of fun and games including a tombola, raffle, craft and a guess the weight of the cake competition.

Congratulations to Pat Cooper who guessed the weight of the cake correctly at 3.7kg. There was also the chance to throw sponges at some of the pre-school dads which proved popular! We had pre loved toys and clothes and 'proper' coffee to soak up the cake on offer. We were also really pleased to welcome several local makers on the day and a special visit from a very sweet lamb. It was a big success and raised necessary funds that will allow us to re-invest in and upgrade our everyday resources.

We have had a visit from PCSO Sarah Wilson which we all very much enjoyed. She took the children's fingerprints and they all got the opportunity to sit in the driver's seat of her police car. It was interesting for the children to hear about what a police officer's work involves.

Those children who will be leaving to start primary school in September have had the opportunity to join our lunch club. It follows on from our morning session twice a week and the children sit with their friends and have their packed lunch. It encourages our 'leavers' to be independent and to understand what is expected of them at school. Our 'leavers' have also been visiting school every Friday, spending time in the library and even enjoyed a visit to the reception class.

We were pleased to be asked to be involved in the Rainow 5 fell race this year. Our committee members were there to greet the runners after the race with tea and cake.

Pre-school staff have undertaken EpiPen training recently which we continue to have on a regular basis as and when necessary.

All the children have planted sunflower seeds and watched the first shoots



appear, these have now been taken home and we hope to receive regular progress of their growth and see who has the tallest.

We're very much looking forward to our summer term and more sunshine!

Rainow Beavers



Wednesday nights seem to get the worst of the weather, we've had snow, torrential rain and hailstorms, but the Beavers have battled through it all. Following the children's input into our programme at the end of last year, we have incorporated their suggestions of 'getting outside more', 'learning new things' and 'doing exciting stuff' into our weekly plans. The updated programme has been very popular, with Beavers requesting more of the same. On the 'outside' theme, we have played 'hide and seek' and 'spies' in the dark with torches and had Easter Egg hunts and played 'wide games' over a large outdoor area. For the 'Learn New Things' theme, the Beavers have learnt all about photosynthesis and written some of their own poetry, and attempted to dramatise 'A Mid-summer night's dream' in the Institute. Everyone agreed that the dark wide games and visits out and about in Rainow and surrounding areas were interesting AND exciting, so I think we're getting there with the programme plans.

After Easter we were joined by 7 new Beavers. Our topic is 'Water' this term. The first week was all about Rainow and we were joined by Bob and Adele Langstaff who told us all about the mills and mill ponds in Rainow. We walked around Rainow and learned all about the industry that used to take place in the village. Next was Canals, and after a week in the Institute finding out about canals and canal living, we joined the Canals and Rivers Trust at Bosley to discover the canal locks. The Beavers helped two canal boats travel through a lock and were fascinated to learn all about the machinery and theories involved.

Six of the older Beavers attended a District Beaver Fun Day at the beginning of May. This took place at the Scout Camp in Barnwood near Leek, and involved nearly 100 Beavers from all over the Macclesfield and Congleton District. The theme was 'Space' and the children took part in lots of different space-related activities including making and firing bottle rockets, making their own flying saucer Frisbees and doing astronaut training. The day finished with a picnic and a campfire and singsong. Our group were brilliant company and we all enjoyed the day.

Coming up, we're racing home made boats in a river, thinking about the water cycle and reservoirs and learning about safety at the seaside. We finish up with a cookout by a river and try out kayaking on Tittesworth reservoir.

We are delighted to have some returners to Beavers. Three of the older boys in the village who were once Beavers and Cubs and are now at High School taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, have returned to Beavers to help us. This is great news for the Leaders because they have a lot more energy than us...



Finally, we will have another three Beavers achieving their Bronze Chief Scout Awards. Congratulations to Rachel Brown, Jessica Gittins and Macie Reynolds who have worked very hard to achieve this award.



Rainow Cubs Summer 2018

I like the Summer Term as we try and be outside every meeting, we have 36 Cubs which would be a nightmare in the Institute!

Unfortunately at the beginning of the term the weather was against us, every Tuesday seemed wet and cold. Undaunted we ventured down to the stream to build Bivouacs in pouring rain and you have never seen so many muddy extremely wet Cubs – but said it was the best Cub meeting ever! Not so sure the parents picking up children in their nice clean cars were so impressed!!

The rain mostly held off while we played Footgolf at Adlington Golf Centre and let us visit the stream on a drier night to light fires and cook our tea.

Of course it was a lovely evening when they were going to get wet anyway by swimming outside at Beech Hall School, but the water was warm and they had a great time. They swam in two groups as not enough room for all at once so we were allowed to use the School's woods, climb trees and also the play equipment.

A small group of Cubs helped with the Village Litter Pick





Rainow Cubs report by Akela Sue Grimes

and received many favourable comments from passing walkers and cyclists.

Derbyshire Scout Caving Team organised a taster day at Alderley Edge Mines for local Cubs. All proceeds went to the charity 'Cancer Warriors', the Cubs (25 went) had a brilliant time-perhaps the best activities are those involving mud.

We have started the Cyclist Badge, learning about bike maintenance and safety with a five mile ride along the Middlewood Way planned.

All the Cubs bar one over 9.5 years old are going to Senior Camp at Barnswood very soon, lots of exciting things planned for them.

The rest of the term will be taken up with 'Time on the Water Badge, kayaking and raft building and the Athlete Badge with Macclesfield Harriers at the Athletic Track. We are also planning to go Karting at Harpur Hill and have an Activity weekend in Wales, stopping at the Crocky Trail on the way.



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The Rainow Farming Year Part Two: Winter to Spring

Thank goodness the winter is now behind us and we can look forward to the summer. On Rainow's farms the late snows caused problems with sheep being buried in snowdrifts, and farmers losing some of their pregnant ewes. However, lambing has generally gone well although extra colostrum has been needed to supplement the milk from the weakened ewes.

Colin Pickford has farmed all his life, as did his father before him and he has lived for many years at Thornsett farm. He loves the rural life and the countryside in general but now specialises in sheep farming. He lost 7 pregnant ewes in the first late snow but then quickly trained one of his superb dogs to find any more lost sheep before the next heavy snowfall. The other 350 ewes have all lambed successfully, producing 750 lambs, although some needed supplementary feeding at first.

Colin's other keen interest is sheep dog trialling and he is well respected in the world of sheep dog trials, having won many prestigious competitions, including coming second in a trial 3 weeks ago. His son David is following in his footsteps and recently came 6th in a high-standard trial with his bitch Rainow Maid. She has just had eight lovely puppies, all of whom will have gone to new homes by the time of publication.



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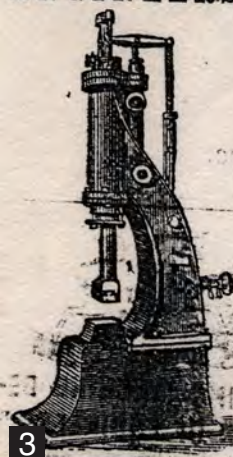
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Burness Atlantic challenge - Part I

Our adventure started innocuously enough in June 2017 with a Skype call from our son Craig, who was working as skipper on a luxury catamaran in Guadeloupe in the Caribbean. He had seen a boat for sale on line in Gibraltar and could we go and have a look. So my wife Janet and I organised a date with the broker to visit the boat on 17th July. I had completed my Day Skipper theory course but had no practical experience of yachts and Janet had even less experience. The boat Craig was looking at was an Amel Sharki 39ft ketch with a beam of 11ft 8", it was 33 years old. Craig is 28! The boat, named Daal II, was designed by Henri Amel and J. Carteau and built in Chantiers Amel (FRA) in 1984. Craig's yacht is #97 of 195, built between 1980 and 1987. Henri Amel was a sailor's sailor and his boats were designed for blue water cruising, ie. ocean sailing.

Janet and I visited the yacht on 17th July and had a good look around. It was a nice looking boat, its lines reminded me of an old e-type jag as it had a fixed cockpit roof and long 'bonnet' to the bow. It was looking tired and neglected, as the owner had not sailed it but used it as a floating home for the last year. So it needed quite a bit of work, some painting and an upgrade of the electronics. It was a solidly built boat and we thought it was worth Craig travelling from Guadeloupe to check it out for himself. After speaking with Craig that evening and sharing a lot of photographs, he decided he would come across to look at the boat but the earliest he could make it was 23rd August. I persuaded the broker to hold the boat exclusively for Craig until he could view it in person and take it for a sea trial on 25th August. In the intervening time we had the boat surveyed and the hull treated with anti fouling. The survey produced the first of the many job lists we would generate. Janet, Katie, our daughter, and I went out to meet Craig in Gibraltar on 24th August. After looking round the boat and taking it for a sea trial, Craig decided it was the boat he wanted, as his grand plan was to do a circumnavigation over the next few years. Craig became the proud owner of Daal II.

Now the work started, we got hold of a wet vacuum cleaner, power washer and lots of cleaning materials and we all set to work. My job was cleaning the engine and small engine compartment while Janet and Katie got stuck into giving the inside a deep clean. Craig made a list of the jobs that needed doing and found Dave an English electrician

(who had previously run a sailing school) and secured his services to get Daal's electronics brought up to date. A couple of days later Daal was looking good and we went out for a family sail in the Bay of Gibraltar, a wonderful 3 hours. From memory, over dinner that night, Craig mentioned that his plan was to get the boat to Guadeloupe in the Caribbean when he finished work later in the year. Janet's first comment was "what a great adventure" and her second "as your Dad is retired he can go with you." No backing out for me now. We came back to the UK and Craig stayed in Gibraltar for another week taking the boat across to Ceuta, Spain's African Gibraltar, in Morocco. Structural and painting jobs were carried out before Craig finished work at the beginning of November.

Getting the boat ready

I left the UK on 1st November and met up with Craig in La Linea, on the Spanish side of the Gibraltar border, where the yard was located that was doing the work. The paint job had made a big difference and Daal II looked really good. We moored the boat in the marina at La Linea and the work started. We were planning on 3 weeks to get the boat ready. We cannot thank Dave enough as not only did he fit the new electronics and solar panels but his advice, contacts and help with other things on the boat from his sailing experience was invaluable. We worked long days and one of my main memories of that time was we would start doing one job only to find something else that needed doing first before we could go back to the original job. During this time I had started buying some stores for the crossing. We were focusing on the main Atlantic crossing intending to have sufficient provisions to last us up to 30 days; we were assuming 21 days for the Atlantic crossing. I got some strange looks when I purchased 48 tins of Tuna from the Gibraltar Morrison's as they were on offer. You can take the man out of Scotland but not Scotland out of the man. During this time we also identified some good long life packet meals. We had to kiss a few frogs to find the princes, but once found, we then cleaned out another supermarket of their stock. With the new electronics in we now had better kit than Craig's luxury catamaran in the Caribbean. During the month we had become increasingly worried about the old diesel Perkins engine that we had nicknamed "Smokey Joe" as when it

started up we created a smoke screen across the marina. I found an older engineer with a lot of experience with Perkins engines and acted as his apprentice to set up a pressure test for the cylinders. The results were not good. He said the engine might run for years or could give up the next day. Craig was at his philosophical best, "Dad not a problem, if the engine packs in we will just sail, it is a sail boat after all." We decided only to run the engine when absolutely necessary and to give it as much TLC as we could. The good news was that we were very unlikely to need the engine for electrical power generation due to our additional battery storage capacity, extra solar panels and the option to generate electricity from the propeller when the boat was sailing above 3.5 knots.

So it was out into the Bay of Gibraltar for some more familiarisation with the boat and for me to practice Man Over Board drills.

We were now almost ready to go. Time to activate the satellite communications, an Iridium GO, which you use with an iPad or phone. We had taken out a 3-month unlimited data package so the Scot in me coming out again delayed activating until we were almost ready to start the crossing. I had also decided on some satellite communication backup and got a satellite phone with basically a pay as you go SIM. This phone would be in our 'Grab bag', which you use if you have to abandon the boat. I wanted to reduce what we had to think about in an emergency situation. Craig started downloading the different weather forecast options from the satellites and I set up the tracking and blog we would use for the trip. Over the next couple of days, while getting used to the kit, we finished provisioning the boat. I was excited and apprehensive in equal measure but one thing I was confident in was Craig's ability and experience. Remember, I had no sailing experience and was a complete novice before arriving in Gibraltar on 1st November. It did not help that the books we had read suggested that preparation should take anywhere from 6 to 12 months. We had had 26 days!

With the difficult currents and winds in the Straits of Gibraltar you need to hit the right weather window to get out of the Med and then across the straits. Craig had been looking at the forecasts and there was a window on 26th November but not another one within the current 10-day forecast. Craig's plan was to leave Gibraltar then go down the coast and stop in Mohammedia, Morocco and then wait for another weather window to finish our trip to Gran Canaria. The weather was not behaving as it normally did in the area with some higher pressures to the north impacting the winds for the trip to Gran Canaria.

We woke up early on the 26th, checked the weather, tidied the boat for sea, got an old French guy in the next berth to take our picture, paid our Marina fees and we were off.



Raven Book Reviews

More choices from some of Rainow's book club members

Sarah Winman



Tin Man

The writer of the stunning "When God Was a Rabbit" has created another exquisitely crafted tale of love, loss and loneliness. The transformative power of art, one of the central themes of this novel, is revealed in the prologue when a pregnant woman openly defies her husband by choosing a copy of Van Gogh's

'Sunflowers' as a raffle prize, rather than a bottle of whiskey. The ensuing story then leads us into the life of Ellis, a 46-year old man who works in an Oxford car plant smoothing out flaws and imperfections. The loneliness of Ellis is palpable and through his narrative the experiences and events which have led to his state of mind are unfolded.

The novel is infused with memories and pathos, each character being lovingly and compassionately developed, the beautiful prose so characteristic of Sarah Winman generating layers of meaning and emotional insight which are, at times, breathtaking. We learn that Ellis has not recovered from the loss of his wife, Annie and we then gradually discover the intensity of the tender love triangle between Ellis, Annie and Michael – a childhood friend of Ellis. The relationships between these three individuals form the heart and soul of the book, with harrowing, poignant and acutely moving moments from their lives captured in vividly depicted fragments, suffused with colour and alternating between joy and anguish. Alternating between past and present, with narratives from both Ellis and Michael, we witness the contrast between youthful innocence and insouciance with the pain of regret and ultimately, wrenching loss through these different perspectives. The immense empathy and sensitivity permeating the book is absorbing and deeply affecting.

The powerful writing, both in terms of observations about relationships or evocations of landscapes, possesses deep emotional insight. Themes of sexual identity, relinquishing of hopes and desires and socioeconomic and cultural elements are embedded within the personal stories, all of which are transcended by artistic and literary anchors which intersect with and create a rich context for the lives of the characters. Those of us who remember the emotional impact of the Walt Whitman poem "Captain, My Captain" in the film 'Dead Poets Society' will relive the heartrending poignancy of this in a different, yet no less tender way with this remarkable and compelling novel.

Every two years we hold the Rainow Art Exhibition where there is always a fascinating variety of work on display. Comments from people who visit the exhibition are equally interesting. Many say, "I don't know anything about Art but I know what I like." My answer to this is that your ideas are valid and good art is something which means something to you or transports you to another place. Another comment is, "I'm no good at Art". You might feel this because someone in the past made a comment about something you had drawn (unfortunately often a teacher) and you took it personally. If they had made a disparaging comment about an essay in Geography or a calculation in Maths, you probably would not have remembered it at all. When you draw or paint something, you put a little bit of yourself into it and that is what can make you feel vulnerable to comment.

I can relate to this as I was the 'worst in class' at Art and remember one teacher saying, "Adèle, it looks like you've tipped a glass of water over it" If only that teacher had said instead, "Adèle dry your brush before you put it into the next colour" I might have felt differently. The Head of Art for Cheshire Schools told me he was watching two Head Teachers on a course draw a still life, and said to one of them "that's great" The other immediately thought his was rubbish! These were two professional and successful men but they still felt vulnerable over a piece of paper and a pencil!

As with anything worthwhile, you have to practise and unfortunately you cannot achieve a masterpiece at the first attempt, which is why it is easy to feel discouraged. I can paint all morning and then put it on the fire. I don't always find it relaxing!

Artists have always used ideas from previous artists and we all find some artists we can relate to and others pass us by. Art also reflects the times and the History of Art is a tremendous subject to study as it is social history without the more boring bits.

Artists always create something which is important to them. The cave painters described the animal with a view to eating it. The wall paintings in churches, such as Giotto told stories from the bible to people who could not read. The classical sculptures celebrated the bodies of athletes in Greek and Roman times. The pictures of Kings and Queens and Noblemen

Artist in Residence Adèle Langstaff



magnified their importance to the rest of the country eg. the paintings of Queen Elizabeth the First. The Lords and Ladies painted by Holbein might have been commissioned to remind the owner of a loved one or as a marriage token. The Victorian Pre-Raphaelites such as Ford Maddox Browne used their paintings to tell a story eg. "Work", which is about gainful employment as opposed to sloth and the equal dangers of both money and poverty. Since the advent of photography artists have been challenged with portraying something visual in a different way to provoke an emotional response and there have been many different schools eg. Impressionism, Cubism and Surrealism, some of which appeal more than others. I still don't feel a response to Tracey Emin's unmade bed!

Even if you don't usually think of visiting an Art Gallery, I would recommend Manchester Art Gallery. I went there as a child and was most unimpressed by all the large dark paintings as I knew nothing about them and thought them boring until I saw "The Hiring Shepherd" by William Holman Hunt, and Wow, the colour and the immediacy of the paintings really made an impact (it is still there and still does!). The story is about a shepherd who is tempted by a young girl and leaves his sheep to eat lush meadow grass so making them ill.

I would recommend that you look at one or two floors and choose what you fancy rather than try to take it all in. The cafe is also good.

When I think of some of the artists who have influenced me, I think of the Church wall paintings in Italy; classical sculptures leave me as cold as the marble they are made from. I like Samuel Palmer for his landscapes, Gauguin for his Breton paintings simplifying form; Turner (in small doses) and Monet for their mood and atmosphere (but at times I do think they would have benefitted from a pair of glasses) and Stanley Spencer for his quirky outlook, fabulous figures, and meaningfulness. For current artists Google Shirley Trevena for colour and shape, Joan Eardley for street children and wild coastal paintings and Kurt Jackson for response to landscape.

When it comes to my painting, I have never achieved what is in my head and must have a problem between the brain and the arm! In fact if I ever paint something I am entirely satisfied with, I will probably give up. Like a surfer with the waves, the next one is always going to be the big one!

News from the Lamp and Candle



Well, yet another Royal Wedding. Good luck to the happy couple, even though it caused no end of hysteria, even here at the Lamp. Once more, just like the last time, there were demands to install a television and put up flags and bunting. In the end I had to put my 'no more Mr. Nice Guy' hat on and say NO to both. I told the Tatting Circle and the Men's Book Club that there was no way I would allow anybody other than people I trust to come here. The last thing that Rainow's most famous, ancient and revered pub wants is customers. I told them, not for the first time, that the only flags here will be stone ones and the only bunting will be those we have nesting in the wetland. Of course, being the old softie that I am I relented a little and decided to let them have a street party, but they were most unappreciative. We heaved the tables and chairs out the Best Room and got everybody seated, Mrs. Kenyon had done a Rabbit and Rhubarb pie following by Dock Pudding and we'd even brought the old wind-up gramophone outside. But was it worth it? There was only the usual lot plus Mrs Kenyon's sister, Ada, and old Farmer Geddon from across, preaching hellfire, damnation and the downfall of all ruling dynasties all through the meal. I won't bother again.

Kevin and Jade watched the whole of the wedding at his aunt's in Poynton. They've gone even more moony than ever. Heaven knows what they'll want for their wedding after seeing all that stuff on display in Windsor. I told the Landlady they can have Brown Windsor Soup at their wedding breakfast and be happy with that. She just said I was an old miser and I should be happy like I was at my own wedding. I must admit I never knew what true happiness was until I got married. But it was too late by then. Anyway I'll leave the Sedge's version of the Royal couple to their own devices for a while. Young kids today! When I was a child my parents used to take me and my brother Maurice to Belle Vue Circus for a treat. My Dad paid out his hard-earned cash for us to see the Tattooed Lady. Now all you have to do is go into Macclesfield on a Saturday night and there are dozens of them on show for free!

Two pieces of really good news. It looks like Scott and Jackie are remaining at the Robin Hood for the foreseeable future. Well done, you two, and the best of luck from all at the Lamp & Candle. I hope that those of you who read this column will support S & J and keep tramping the route up Stocks Lane and not towards the Sedge. The other highlight was the celebration of Leslie Lewis's 90th birthday. As Landlord of the Lamp & Candle I was honoured to receive an invitation (though I didn't get one of the goodie bags that the Royal couple gave out and you can sell for a fortune on e-Bay). Our ex, but sometimes visiting Vicar was on top form and

you could hear a pin drop when he spoke. Leslie's son-in-law, Andrew, put the ancient church organ through its paces and I swear the old instrument had never had such a good time in its life. Talk about clearing the tubes! I happened to look up at the gallery when he was playing the Toccata and there were all sorts of things spewing out of pipes that hadn't been disturbed for years – feathers, dead birds, old crisp packets, mummified mice, a handbag and a pair of red braces. Congratulations, Mr Lewis!

In the last issue, I promised you the lowdown on the production that the Rainow Players were about to put on. I managed to get hold of a ticket and I must admit it was well worth it. It was an Upstairs/Downstairs sort of thing that those of you with tellies can see all the time, but this one was different with a real 'one-in-the-eye' for the upper classes and their silly pretensions. It was a case of well-done to all the players but I was a bit taken aback when one of the actors came on stage. The woman playing the Dowager was the spit-and-image of my grandmother. I was so shocked to see her that I automatically shouted out "It wasn't me, Granny!" I felt such a fool when everybody's eyes turned on me, but to prove what a shock it was I am enclosing a picture of her with this article so you can judge my reaction for yourself.



Fête time soon. Best time of the year in Rainow! The theme this year is song titles. We're scratching our heads at the Lamp for a really good title so that we can make a scarecrow and perhaps put it somewhere in the village. If you can think of one please pin it to the Church Notice Board, addressed to the Landlord. No smut, or mickey-taking. Thank you.

Must go now. Just reading an interesting article about how they can keep people alive way beyond the proper three score years and ten. I'm thinking of putting a clause in my will that says, "If I am ever on a life-support machine, please switch it off. Then switch it back on again and see if that does the trick!"

Have a good summer and spend some of it at the Robin Hood!

Landlord.

The **Thomas Pownall** Story - Part Two

by Raph Murray

The first part of the Thomas Pownall story was reported in Raven 42 (Spring 2018). This described the 1836 petition for clemency organised by local Rainow school teacher and parliamentary reform activist John Richards. Unfortunately the petition was unsuccessful. Pownall's conviction for theft of a pair of boots and sentence of transportation for life at the age of 17 was confirmed. Following this failed petition Pownall was consigned to a prison hulk (HMS Ganymede) in the Thames Estuary and was subsequently transferred to the Bengal Merchant convict ship which set sail for Australia on 8th August 1836 with 270 convicts on board.



The prison hulks and convict ships were notorious for their insanitary and unhealthy conditions. However despite a period in the sick bay suffering from 'a great degree of lassitude for two or three days, with occasional headache and pains in the back and extremities, also daily rigors alternating with flushes of heat and cold perspirations', Pownall recovered and reached Australia with no further visits to the sick bay. One factor might have been a decision to call in at Tenerife to pick up supplies. This obviated the need to call at the Cape and enabled fresh fruit and vegetables to be taken on board providing the men with an early benefit of 7 or 8 days fresh food diet.

After a voyage of 140 days Thomas Pownall arrived in Port Jackson, New South Wales (part of the present day city of Sydney) on 9th December 1836. At the time of his conviction in Chester, Thomas Pownall's occupation was recorded as a coal miner and this may have contributed to his assignment to the Australian Agricultural Company in Port Stephens (200 km north of Sydney). In 1837 he was sent to the coal mines in Newcastle (about 50 km south west of Port Stephens). Despite its name, the Australian Agricultural Company's main business was coal mining. However coal mining in Australia was very different from coal mining in Rainow. The work was arduous and dangerous and it wasn't unusual for convicts to refuse to perform their allotted work. In Thomas Pownall's case this resulted in a charge of 'refusal to work'. He was duly convicted and sentenced to 2 months' hard labour in Sydney.

Seven years later, back in Port Stephens, on the December 1844 he obtained his ticket of leave. This might have been an opportunity for a more positive change in Thomas Pownall's fortunes. Tickets of leave were awarded to convicts who seemed able to support themselves and as a reward for good behaviour.

This permitted the holders to seek employment within a specified district, but not leave it without the permission of the government or the district's resident magistrate. He was also awarded a 'Ticket of leave' on the recommendation of Dungog Bench on 15th April 1846. However this uplift in his fortunes does not appear to have lasted long. Eighteen months later on 20th November 1847 in Armidale (about 400 km north of Newcastle, New South Wales) his Ticket of Leave was cancelled for having been committed to trial for stealing. This was the last known record of Thomas Pownall in Australia. We don't have any further details about this theft or the outcome of his trial for this offence. However the lack of any further record of Thomas Pownall's life in Australia suggests there was no happy ending for Thomas's story.

Transportation of convicts to New South Wales effectively ceased in 1842. The Australian Agricultural Company continues to this day and Port Stephens is now the main port in Australia for export of coal.

South West Peak Grants

Grants to help community organisations enjoy the heritage, environment and traditions of the South West Peak District

The South West Peak Landscape Partnership Scheme, through registered charity Support Staffordshire, is seeking community organisations interested in running projects which will enhance, protect or celebrate the heritage and countryside of the South West Peak Landscape area.

The Partnership's Community Grants programme is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund until 2020 and is offering grants of up to £10,000 to community groups and organisations including constituted community groups, registered charities, social enterprises, parish councils and schools who are working on projects that develop and promote the built, natural and cultural heritage of the area.

Grants Officer Sally Bentley said, "The important thing is that the project involves the South West Peak itself. We encourage groups to talk to us about their project ideas as many may not realise that their projects meet our objectives and are eligible for our funding – heritage is much more than old buildings, it includes wildlife, people and communities too. Organisations can apply for up to 50% of their project costs. But we can help you look for additional funding and donations."

The Community Grants programme is part of the South West Peak Landscape Partnership Scheme which is supported by a £2.4m Heritage Lottery Fund Grant.

Sally continues, "The deadlines for the next two rounds of South West Peak Community Grants are 2nd July 2018 and 9th October 2018."

Take a look at the Partnership's website www.southwest-peak.co.uk and if you would like to discuss your project or ideas please contact Sally Bentley or Ruth Wilson, on 01538 381356 or email sally.bentley@supportstaffordshire.org.uk or ruth.wilson@supportstaffordshire.org.uk

Future Imperfect: **Analogue Man** in the **Digital Jungle**

By Jim Kennelly

You worry that you might turn into your Parents. Fear not; you actually morph directly into your grandparents. Hearing about my early childhood in a yet-to-be-gentrified area of inner London, our children were morbidly fascinated, particularly by corporal punishment at school and winter mornings wriggling into street clothes under the blankets to avoid exposure to the frigid bedroom air. We rented part of a cold water only terraced house, the unheated toilet in an outside lean-to. Saturday night bathing was in front of the kitchen coal fire in a tin bath, filled once only by repeat boiling of the kettle. Children would be washed in sequence, in water of increasingly opaque shades of grey. My burning ambition in those days was to get washed before my brother John; I suspected that young Johnny might piddle in the bathwater before exiting – I know I did. The children commented that mine was a story book childhood; although the actual phrase was “it sounds Dickensian”. Today this specimen of former Victorian squalor (now augmented by central heating and internal plumbing) can be yours for the thick end of half a million quid.

You might expect that your children will be unfamiliar with the rigours of your childhood, but such is the rapid development of technology that some of your younger co-workers (generation X and Millennials) would not recognise your work routines of earlier years. “Things got done without personal computers, mobile phones and the internet?” Yes, we did have phones and people to answer them when we couldn’t, we wrote reports and documents which were typed and collated by efficient people with advanced keyboard skills. If we wanted information, there were library and archive services and knowledgeable colleagues to speak with, face to face or by phone.

In early 1980s London I saw a man, suited and booted, skipping across the square with a self-satisfied grin. The reason for his smile and asymmetric gait was the ponderous object dangling from his arm; a metal slab the size of an overnight suitcase resembling a military ammunition box, but crowned with a full sized telephone handset. One of the first mobile phones released into the wild. “It will never catch on” I blithely predicted. Today mobile phones are ubiquitous; even in countries where people have no electricity or sanitation at home. Technology pared the size of mobile phones until they became handheld by the 1990s, well, handheld in the sense that one’s fist can grip any brick-sized object. Miniaturisation proceeded, however, with each new model; a woman remarked that she never believed men would boast: “bet mine is smaller than yours!”

Our new desktop computers were great for editing, data calculations and information services, but we heard head office managers laboriously used hunt and peck typing to send electronic messages to colleagues located in the same building! We chuckled at their naivety – and were all doing the same 3 months later. This tsunami of emails generated anxiety about missing something critical, were you to stray away from the winking desktop screen. This was alleviated in the new millennium by another handheld gizmo, the BlackBerry. Continuous E-mail updates by a couple of caresses with your thumbs. Company BlackBerry users had

to commit to respond to all e-mails within 20 minutes, day or night, I was told. The speaker was located in the US Midwest, so the prospect of immediately answering 2am e-mails dissuaded me of the benefits of the device. The internet became essential to one’s personal life; information, shopping and social networking. There has been enormous growth in users and traffic since the portal into cyberspace became via phone. Smartphones with a camera, and a touch screen were capable of entering and displaying remote-sourced information as effectively any furniture-bound computer terminal. In Dan Brown’s 2003 potboiler the “Da Vinci Code” the book had the hero desperately rushing to a University of London library for information to crack a riddle. By 2006 and the film adaption this was laughably obsolete – so on screen, his comely lady sidekick blags a go on a punter’s smartphone atop a Double Decker bus to retrieve the info in seconds.



High End 1982 Mobile Phone

Social media have rekindled and preserved friendships between people sundered by time and distance; charity and grassroots campaigns have benefitted. Some people, however, need to record their lives in real time and minute detail onto Facebook and the like. Not exactly their real lives, but often a more glamorous, more interesting and photo-shopped Avatar of their lives – maintaining the façade must take a deal of work.

Everyone at some time is embarrassing in company – this formerly was limited, understood in context and it proceeded no further. Not if captured by social media – that jokey post, read by a recruiter, might result in retraction of a job offer. A developing career in public life may be torpedoed by an inappropriate Facebook/Twitter item put up ten years ago by the candidate’s immature self.

Orwell’s 1947 dystopian predictions had future governments actively spying on citizens via two-way TV. You were wrong George – the actual surveillance is via the smartphone screen but with us Proles unwittingly gifting screeds of personal data to the service provider for subsequent exploitation.

To forestall the full Orwellian scenario, we should use the internet in the full knowledge that it is neither a personal nor a private space. Anything you reveal might eventually be read by Big Brother or, even worse, by your mother! Remember it is a jungle out there!

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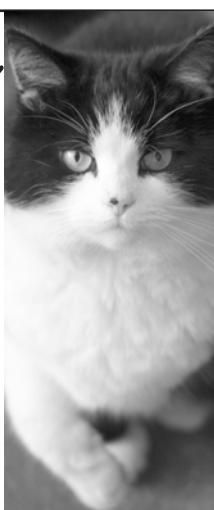
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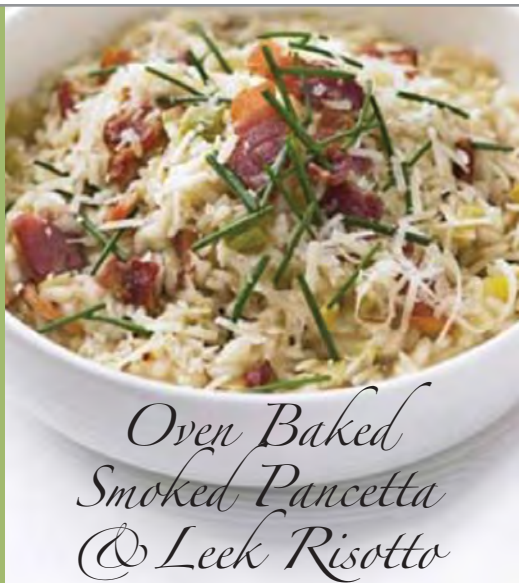
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Serves 4

Ingredients

100g pack smoked pancetta
or streaky bacon
8oz leeks when trimmed
and sliced
6 oz Italian rice
2 ½ oz butter or oil
small onion, chopped finely
3 fl. oz dry white wine
18 fl. oz vegetable stock
2 tbsp grated Pecorino
cheese
Salt & pepper

Method

- 1) Put dish in oven at 150C to warm before you start (very important!)
- 2) Chop pancetta/bacon
- 3) Melt butter and add pancetta and onion; cook for 5 - 7 mins.
- 4) Add leeks and rice to pan, stirring around. Add white wine and stock with salt and pepper.
- 5) Transfer the whole lot to the hot dish. Stir once, then place on centre shelf to cook for 20 mins (150C)
- 6) After 20 minutes add cheese to mixture, gently combining with the rice. Cook for further 15 mins then remove from oven and put clean tea towel over for a few mins. Add extra Pecorino.

Risotto the simple way!

Rainow Village Bus

Serving your Community



Rainow Village Bus update

We are pleased to report that the bus is becoming increasingly popular with community groups from within Rainow and surrounding areas. We have taken groups from the School, WI, the Cubs, Luncheon Clubs, Air Cadets, Party groups to restaurants. We have covered trips to a Museum in Warrington; Chatsworth Flower Show; to Blackpool; the Chill Factor in Trafford Park; the Energi Trampoline Centre, Handforth; to the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester and many other places.

Unfortunately we are having less success with our regular bookable service runs into Macclesfield and Bollington on Friday and Saturday nights. With less than 5% occupancy we are finding this regular service difficult to sustain. Over the next few months we will be looking at how this may be changed or an alternative approach might give a service that the community wants. Any suggestions on how we might improve the service would be welcome.

Just a reminder we are a non-profit making organisation with charitable status run entirely by unpaid volunteer drivers and administrators.

We have 10 regular volunteer drivers but with the summer approaching and the increasing demand from Group bookings it is sometimes difficult to find a driver for a particular trip. We are therefore **appealing for additional**



drivers, preferably from within the community but not essential, to help out this core of volunteers at busy times. To qualify as a driver all that is needed is a clean licence with the D1 (Minibus) category on it and be between the age of 27 and 70. Most people who had a licence issued before 1993 should have this category on it. We will give anybody who is interested hands on training. It is a modern, fully automatic vehicle

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Booking the bus - the bus can be booked for individual or Group trips by contacting:

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Tony Wilkinson - tonywilkinson1234@gmail.com
01625 614650

John Hawthorne - johnhawthorne58@hotmail.com
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Costs to hire the bus: £25 per session (a session being morning, afternoon or evening) plus 50p per mile travelled. The cost of fuel is included.

Regular service fares are £3 return to Macclesfield, £2 single and £4 return to Bollington, £3 single.

What's On in Rainow and Bollington

JULY 2018

1	-	Langley Fell Race	Langley
4	12 noon	Salmon and Strawberry Sparkle Lunch Tickets £15 including glass of Pimms	Lower House Farm, Rainow
9	7.30 pm	Rainow WI – Exotic Pet Rescue	Rainow Institute
14	TBC pm	Annual Rainow School BBQ	Rainow School
14-29	All day	Scarecrows – Theme this year is 'Song Titles'	Entire village
14-29	12 noon–8.00 pm	Scarecrows Teas	Rainow Church Centre
17	7.30pm	Rainow Mothers' Union – Service in Church followed by Scarecrow Teas	Rainow Church & Church Centre
18	7.30pm	Macclesfield Forest Five Charity Run (5.8 miles)	Leather Smithy
21	1.00 pm	Rainow Fête Procession leaves Robin Hood at 12 noon	Hough Hole Farm, Sugar Lane, Rainow
21	7.30 pm till late	Rainow Fête Bonanza Live music from ceilidh band "Albireo". Food and bar. All welcome. Ticket price £6, £7 on the night. Under 14yrs FREE. Contact Stacey on 07540 875804	Fête Marquee, Sugar Lane
22	10.00 am	Rose Queen Service	Rainow Church

AUGUST 2018

4	2.30 pm	Tegg's Nose Fell race (7.3 miles)	Bullock's Lane
13	10.00 am	Rainow WI – August Outing - The Staffordshire Hoard	From Church Car Park
19	3.00 pm	Annual Rush Bearing Service	Forest Chapel
20	7.30 pm	Rainow Mothers' Union Deanery Festival	Gawsworth

SEPTEMBER 2018

6	7.30 pm	Rainow Mothers' Union Quiet Evening at Henbury	Henbury MUI
6	7.30 pm	Pottflix – Molly's Gamen	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
9	TBC	Rainow School	TBC
10	7.30 pm	Rainow WI – Domestic Appliances, John Hambleton	Rainow Institute
13-14	6.00 - 11.00 pm	Bollington Beer Festival	Bollington Arts Centre
16	3.00 pm	Harvest Festival	Jenkin Chapel
21	7.30 pm	Rainow Mothers' Union Coffee Evening	Rainow Church Centre

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For more information on Fell races etc. please contact Raph Murray raphmurray@hotmail.com

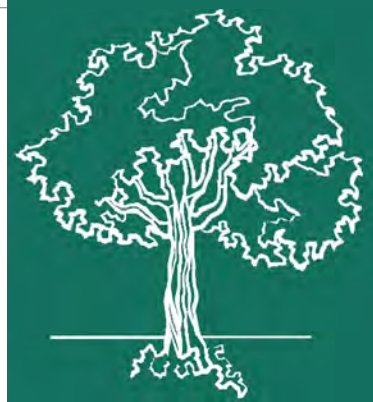
For more info on NSPCC events please contact Sue Frith suefrithxx@aol.com or Lyn McCarthy lynmccarthy@live.co.uk or Lulu Holland 572377

Pottflix, Flix in the Stix, Bar opens 6.30pm, performances 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 in advance from Anthea Wilkinson 01625 573538 or Sue Ralston 01625 573210 or £5 on the door.

For other performances at the **Bollington Arts Centre**, see website www.bollingtonartscentre.co.uk/events page.

The Rainow Village Bus is used to visit Cinemac some Monday evenings, dependent upon films screened. Cost is £2 for return bus travel and £3.50 for Cinemac entry. To put your name on the circulation list for future outings contact Sue Grimes suecgrimes@hotmail.com

We have made this list as comprehensive as space permits and it is necessarily a selection of the events we know about. If you have anything planned that you would like us to list in the next issue, please call 01625 574523 or email pat.mellish@uwclub.net



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